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E.O. 12065: GDS 8/10/84 (HOYT, MICHAEL P.E.) OR-O
TAGS: SHUM, PINS, ICRC, AR
SUBJECT: CLANDESTINE PRISONERS IN ARGENTINA

REF: STOCKHOLM 3279, STATE 204564

1. **- ENTIRE TEST)**
2. IN AUGUST 10 DISCUSSION WITH

MISSION HR
COUNSELOR SAID WE HAD HEARD "RUMORS" OF CLANDESTINE
PRISONERS AND POSSIBLE KILLINGS OF PRISONERS PRIOR TO
IAHRC VISIT. [] NOT AWARE OF KILLINGS
AND SKEPTICAL THAT THERE WERE LARGE NUMBERS OF CLANDESTINE
PRISONERS. [] HAS CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE PRISON VISITOR
PROGRAM OVER PAST FEW YEARS AND IS WELL WIRED INTO RUMOR
AND INFORMATION MILLS. THEY ARE AWARE OF POSSIBLY ONE
CLANDESTINE PRISONER DETENTION/INTERROGATION CENTER NEAR
THE AIRPORT IN BUENOS AIRES WHICH MIGHT HOLD A FEW DOZEN
PRISONERS AT ANY ONE TIME. [] WAS SKEPTICAL OVER
EXISTENCE OF HUNDREDS OF PRISONERS BEING KEPT FOR ANY
LENGTH OF TIME. [] ALSO SPECULATED THAT IF GOA
WERE ABLE TO KEEP SECRET SO LONG THE EXISTENCE OF LIVE
PRISONERS, THEY WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO RISK EXPOSURE BY
KILLING THEM BEFORE IAHRC VISIT.
3. [] HAD LIST OF ALMOST 2500 DISAPPEARED
PERSONS BASED ON INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM RELATIVES OR
ASSOCIATES, WHICH LIST IT IS PURSUING WITH GOA, SO FAR
WITHOUT ANY RESULT OTHER THAN VERBAL DENIALS OF KNOWLEDGE.

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